

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: KATO, et al.

Reissue
Application No.: 10/062,618

Filed: February 5, 2002

For: VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS AND OPERATING
METHOD THEREFOR

Group: 3749

Examiner: P. Wilson

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIMEMail Stop Reissue
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Sir:

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In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed December 23, 2003. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$420.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

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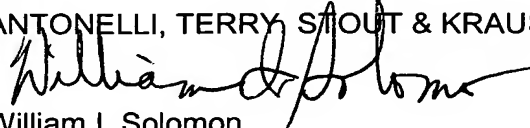
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It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the
account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135
(Case No. 520.30414R50).

Respectfully submitted,

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